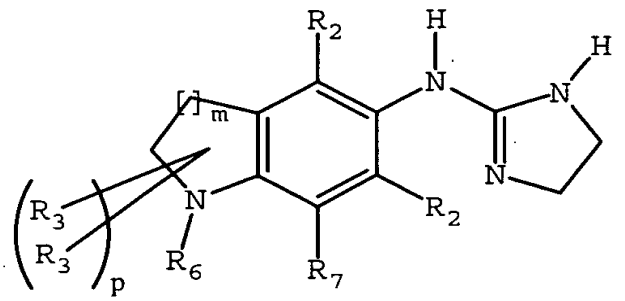
February 10, 2003, is considered timely under under 37 C.F.R. §1.7. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

--1. (Twice Amended) A compound having the structure:



wherein each R_2 is independently H; F; Cl; Br; I; $-NO_2$, -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_3 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; -OH; $=N-OR_4$; COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_4 is independently H; straight chained or

branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; or phenyl;

wherein R_6 is H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; $-CH_2CH_2(CH_2)_qOH$; COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

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wherein R_7 is independently H; -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein m is 1 or 2;

wherein each p is independently 0, 1 or 2; and

wherein each q is independently 0, 1, 2 or 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.--

--3. (Twice Amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is the (+) enantiomer.--

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--4. (Twice Amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is the (-) enantiomer.--

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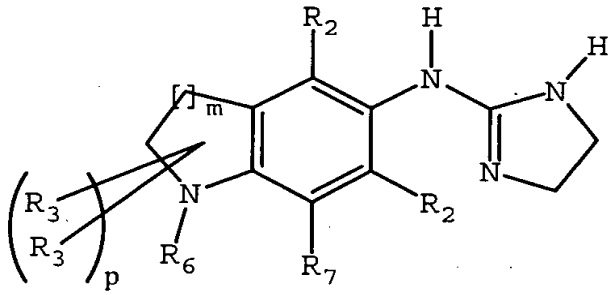
--22. (Amended) A method for treating an α_2 adrenergic receptor

associated disorder in a subject, which comprises administering to the subject an amount of a compound effective to treat the disorder, wherein the compound has the structure:



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wherein each R_2 is independently H; F; Cl; Br; I; $-NO_2$, -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_3 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; -OH; $=N-OR_4$; COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_4 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; or phenyl;

wherein R_6 is H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl;

C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; $-CH_2CH_2(CH_2)_qOH$; COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein R_7 is independently H; -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

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wherein m is 1 or 2;

wherein each p is independently 0, 1 or 2; and

wherein each q is independently 0, 1, 2 or 3;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.--

--25. (Amended) A method of treating pain in a subject, which comprises administering to the subject an amount of a compound effective to treat the subject's pain, wherein the compound has the structure:

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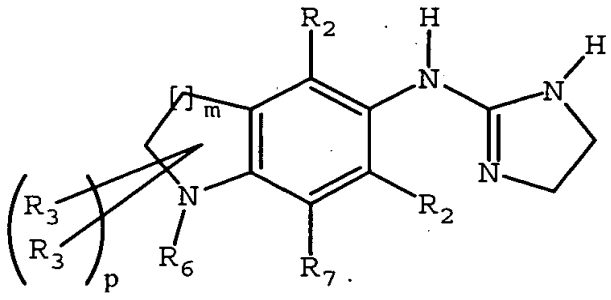

wherein each R_2 is independently H; F; Cl; Br; I; $-NO_2$, -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein each R_3 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; -OH; $=N-OR_4$; COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

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wherein each R_4 is independently H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; or phenyl;

wherein R_6 is H; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; $-CH_2CH_2(CH_2)_qOH$; COR_4; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein R_7 is independently H; -CN; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl; C_1-C_4 monofluoroalkyl or C_1-C_4 polyfluoroalkyl; straight chained or branched C_1-C_4 alkoxy; -OH; $-(CH_2)_qOH$; $-COR_4$; CO_2R_4; $CONHR_4$; phenyl; or benzyl;

wherein m is 1 or 2;

wherein each p is independently 0, 1 or 2; and